

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 58

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7—Relative to ZIP Codes.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 7, Huff. ZIP Codes.

This measure would urge the United States Postmaster to create ZIP Codes that do not encompass more than one municipality.

WHEREAS, Many communities in California have the advantage and convenience of possessing ZIP Codes that are unique to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, The private development sector measures economic feasibility for investing in local communities based on data collected by ZIP Codes; and

WHEREAS, Sales taxes, franchise fees, federal funding, and other city revenue sources are traced through ZIP Codes; and

WHEREAS, Cities who share ZIP Codes may lose a portion of their revenue stream to other jurisdictions which the post office recognizes as the primary geographic area for that particular ZIP Code; and

WHEREAS, Unique ZIP Codes help to develop a city's identity so that citizens can rightfully participate in their local election processes holding their own elected officials accountable; and

WHEREAS, Local political and fiscal accountability is the cornerstone of democracy; and

WHEREAS, The ZIP Codes have a wider application than the delivery of mail to the cities in California; and

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service advises residents and businesses to identify their address by post office address rather than city address to ensure proper mail delivery; and

WHEREAS, Several cities in California also contain shared ZIP Codes and may not be aware of the negative impact such an arrangement may have on their community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the United States Postmaster to create ZIP Codes that do not encompass more than one municipality; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Minority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and

Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and the United States Postmaster.

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